City of Lewiston Press Release

Members of the Media: Below please find a press release noting that the future of the Kennedy Park gazebo will be discussed at a September 27th Lewiston City Council workshop scheduled for 6 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to share their thoughts in that regard. Any media coverage that you could render to help "get the word out" would be greatly appreciated. A picture of the gazebo (2009) and a history of the gazebo written by Historian Douglas Hodgkin is attached – all factual info. Thanks, Dottie

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<u>LEWISTON</u>: The City of Lewiston wishes to inform residents that the <u>gazebo</u> in <u>Kennedy Park, Lewiston</u>, <u>will be discussed at a 6 p.m. City Council workshop on Tuesday, September 27th. The condition of the gazebo has significantly deteriorated over the years, and <u>discussion will ensue as to what its future may be</u>. Members of the public are welcome to attend and share their thoughts in that regard.</u>

The gazebo was constructed in 1925, and in 1972, it experienced restoration. Throughout the years, countless events have been associated with the gazebo, to include political rallies, musical events, and



festivals. Presidents, candidates for President, and state and local politicians have also used the venue to address members of the public who gathered to hear them speak.

The Park was named after President John F. Kennedy on December 3, 1963, following his assassination. Kennedy had made an acclaimed visit to the Park as Senator in 1960 when campaigning for the Presidency, arriving shortly before midnight November 6th before a rousing crowd of 8,000 people.